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Filed: November 28, 2000 Examiner: A. Moorthy

For: A METHOD OF MODIFYING IN INDIVISIBLE MANNER A PLURALITY OF NON-VOLATILE MEMORY LOCATIONS IN A MICROCIRCUIT CARD, IN PARTICULAR IN A CONTACTLESS CARD

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May 11, 2007

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Sir:

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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This Statement is responsive to the Interview Summary mailed by the Patent Office on May 1, 2007. Applicants have reviewed the Interview Summary and it correctly identifies the date of the interview, the fact that it was a telephone interview, the fact that the claim language and updated search were discussed.

However, the Interview Summary record is believed incorrect with respect to the issues regarding patentability of the claimed invention over all cited prior art references. Applicants have repeatedly noted that Applicants' claims require that the card execute the

recited steps. The Examiner has doggedly cited reference after reference in the four non-final Official Actions, as well as the Final Official Action, which fail to show this claimed feature.

Prior discussions with Examiner Moorthy and the Examiner's supervisor Ayaz Sheikh simply failed to result in any responsive Official Action. The Examiner merely continued citing different references in each of the four non-final Official Actions, notwithstanding the filing of a Notice of Appeal and the Request for a Pre-Appeal Brief Review and the decision by the review panel to again reopen prosecution.

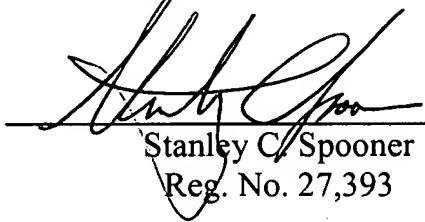
Only after Applicants' representative had contacted Group Director James Dwyer and explained the repeated non-responsive Official Actions has there been progress on this application. Discussions with Examiner Revak, assigned to respond to the inquiry, confirmed that neither the most recently cited Cheung reference nor any other reference of record taught the disclosed method steps which interview resulted in the allowance of this application.

Having responded to all issues, the application is in condition for allowance and Applicants will pay the Issue and Publication fees in due course. In the event the Examiner has any further questions regarding this matter, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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